THE THIRD DAY.

24th February, 1926.

The Assembly met again at 11-30 A. M. on Wednesday, the 24th February, 1926.

25. Amendments to the Arms Regulation.

MR. P. CHACKO POTHEN (*Member, Peermade taluk*) said that the existing provisions of the Arms Regulation caused unnecessary inconvenience and hardship to the people generally and to the inhabitants of the Devicolam Division in particular. The license granted by one District Magistrate for the possession of firearms should enable the licensee to take it anywhere in the State and he should not be obliged to obtain a fresh license for its transport from place to place. Persons in the High Range Division paying income tax or land tax of Rs. 100 or above should be exempted from the necessity to apply for licenses for the possession of arms which they required for protection. Several licensees of previous years who had remitted the fees for the renewal of their licenses for the current year had not been granted licenses. Licenses should be arranged to be issued at once. While it was the duty of the Government to punish those who hunted in the reserved forests without license, it was unjust to refuse to issue any such licenses. A large number of Travancoreans were now carrying on paddy and tapioca cultivation in the High Ranges. As their crops were being destroyed by wild animals, the Government should be pleased to consider the prayers sympathetically without delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Chacko Pothen, in regard to the first point of your representation that licenses granted by one District Magistrate should hold good throughout the State, the Government are prepared to examine your suggestion.

2. In regard to the second point, I am afraid we cannot change the rules as they stand at present, for a variety of reasons, one among them being that the present rule was made in accordance with the broad principle that there should be only one uniform means of determining the right to hold a license; we should not have differential treatment.

26. Police Station for Kalavur.

MR. LONAN LONAN PILLAI (*Member, Ambalapuzha taluk*) urged the transfer of the police station from Mannancheri to Kalavur. The police station at Mannancheri was established years ago when there was considerable traffic in the adjacent backwater, but it had now survived its usefulness. Kalavur was more thickly populated and was gradually becoming an important centre between Alleppey and Shertallai and crimes frequently took place in the locality. The transfer of the police station as proposed would not involve any expense or inconvenience to the Police Department.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Lonan Pillai, I do not think you have succeeded in convincing the Government that the transfer of the police outpost from Mannancheri to Kalavur is justifiable. Kalavur is only a mile and a half west of Mannancheri and only four and a half miles north of Alleppey. Two outposts so near each other are not necessary. Furthermore, the outpost at Mannancheri is far from being a useless one. It becomes an item of expense to abandon the existing station building at Mannancheri and to embark on further expenditure at Kalavur.

27. Judicial Reforms.

MR. KANAKKU MATEVAN PILLAI PERUMAL PILLAI (*Member, Agastisvaram taluk*) spoke firstly about the delay in the civil courts and suggested the following measures to avoid it:—

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